GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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DANGER FACED BY CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Mumbai`s Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport is facing imminent danger of sinking;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether water mains which are very old and are running below the runway can burst one day and can pose danger to the aircraft; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that runway is not damaged due to burst of water mains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport is not facing any danger of sinking.

(c) & (d) Three watermains, which supply water to the city of Mumbai, pass much below the two runways of the Airport. The watermains are at a variable depth below the two runways and to date have not been an issue at the airport. Non-destructive testings of the runways to identify weak soil areas and weak pavement areas have been conducted by Mumbai International Airport Private Limited (MIAL) and no issues have been detected in the pipeline alignments.